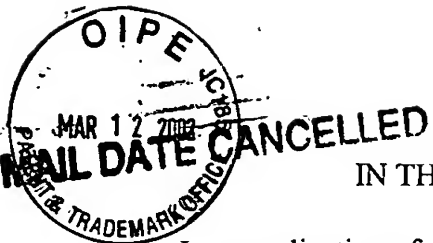
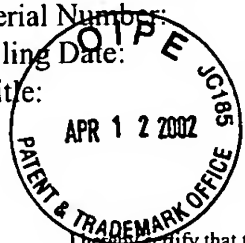


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Sir:

In response to the Notice of Omitted Items issued April 5, 2002, Applicant submits herewith Figure 11 of the above-referenced patent application. Accordingly, Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to accord a new filing date as of the date of filing Figure 11 submitted herewith, as evidenced by the date of the above certificate. Accompanying this Petition is a copy of the Notice of Omitted Items dated April 5, 2002 and a newly executed Declaration in accordance with 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.64.

Payment of the Petition Fee is hereby made by check. Check number 6481 in the amount of \$130.00 is attached. As this Petition and required fee, the omitted Figure 11 and all other required elements are timely submitted, Applicant respectfully requests accordance of a new filing date prior to April 23, 2002.

If any unresolved issues remain, please contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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